and the year in which they are expected to be completed;

(c) whether the Western States have approached the Centre for inclusion of any highway under the Express Highway Scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) One Expressway between Ahmedabad and Vadodara, length 92.8 km. in Gujarat is under construction. The likely cost of the project is about Rs. 312 crores and is targetted to be completed by June, 1996.

(c) and (d) Based on the requests from various States from time to time, the Central Government have identified the following routes in Western India for development as Expressways on priority basis, viz.

(i) Ahmedabad—Vadodara—Surat—Bombay.

(ii) Bombay—Nasik; and

(iii) Bombay—Puna.

Returning the HIV Testing Kits to World Health Organisation

*340. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to return all PIV testing kits to World Health Organisation;

(b) if so, what are the details of the decision and in what circumstances and for what reasons such kits are to be returned; and

(c) what steps have been taken to procure safe testing kits?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) One batch of a particular testing kit because of faulty negative controls was indicating a higher level of false positive results. It was, therefore, decided to withdraw that particular batch from circulation.

(c) The minimum acceptable norms relating to specificity and sensitivity of HIV testing kits have been laid down and the procurement agencies, viz. World Health Organisation (WHO) and directorate General of Supplies and Disposals (DGS&O) have been advised to strictly adhere to these norms while procuring HIV testing kits for the National AIDS Control Programme.

Centrally Aided Projects in Arunachal Pradesh

2842. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the centrally aided projects launched to save environment and forests in Arunachal Pradesh during the last two years;

(b) the achievement made in this regard;

(c) the financial assistance provided in each scheme; and

(d) the details of the scheme proposed to be launched in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (c) The details of the centrally aided projects launched to save environment and forests in Arunachal Pradesh during the last two years alongwith achievement, both financial and physical are given in the statement at the Annexure. [*See* appendix 171, annexure No. 47]

(d) The projects are continuing in nature.

Setting up of Statellite Town near Joru Bungalow (Ghoom), Darjeeling

2843. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of

ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that with a view to set up a satellite town near Joru Bungalow (Ghoom), the Chairman of Darjeeling Gorkha Hill Council has asked the permission of the Forest Department as the proposed land belong to that Department;

(b) if so, whether permission has been granted or is under consideration; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) References have been received from Chairman, Darjeeling Gorkha Hill Council asking for use of forest land for setting up of Satellite township near Joru Bungalow, However, formal proposal for diversion of forest land for this purpose has not been received under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Developmental Programmes on Tourism in Darjeeling

2844. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FOREST be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Darjeeling Gorkha Hill Council has asked the Central Government for permitting it to use forest land for taking up developmental programmes on tourism and other sectors;

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposals; and

(c) what is the response of Government on these proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Some references have been received from the Darjeeling Gorkha Hill Council for permitting it to use forest land for taking up developmental programmes in tourism and other sectors. However formal proposal for diversion of forest land for tourism and other related purposes in Darjeeling has not been received under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

नदियों में प्रदूषण को रोकने के लिए योजना

2845. **श्री गोविन्दराव आदिकः क्या पर्यावरण और वन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे किः

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने नदियों में प्रदूषण को रोकने के लिए समय-समय पर योजनाएं बनाई हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उनका ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि इन योजनाओं पर करोड़ों रुपए की भारी राशि खर्च करने के बावजूद प्रदूषण अपेक्षाकृत बढ़ रहा है;

(घ) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं;

(ङ) इन योजनाओं की असफलता के क्या कारण हैं; और

(च) प्रदूषण को रोकने के लिए सरकार क्या कार्यवाही करने का विचार रखती है?

पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री कमल नाथ): जी, हां।

(ख) सरकार द्वारा आठ वर्ष पहले गंगा कार्य योजना का सबसे प्रदूषित भारतीय नदियों में एक प्रदूषित और सबसे लम्बी नदी के प्रदूषण निवारण की स्कीमें हाथ में लेने के लिए तैयार की गई थी। अब गंगा कार्य योजना का वह पहला चरण लगभग पूरा होने वाला है, गंगा कार्य योजना का चरण-II, गंगा के कुछ नगरों के लिए साथ ही इसकी प्रमुख सहायक नदियों यमुना और गोमती के लिए हाथ में लिया गया है, इस अनुभव के आधार पर, सरकार द्वारा हाल ही में राष्ट्रीय नदी कार्य योजना का अनुमोदन किया गया है जो कि देश के 12 राज्यों में स्थित 17 नदियों के 22 अभिनिर्धारित क्षेत्रों के प्रदूषण निवारण के संबंध में है।

गंगा कार्य योजना के पहले चरण के अन्तर्गत घरेलू सीवेज के दिशा परिवर्तन, अवरोधन एवं उसके उपचार की अल्प-लागत स्वच्छता, विद्युत/उन्नत लकड़ी आधारित शवदाहगृह नदी तटाग्र विकास तथा अन्य जैव स्कीमें, उत्तर प्रदेश, बिहार तथा पश्चिम बंगाल के 25